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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: UN SUBCOMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF
DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF
MINORITIES

1. ITEM 6, "STUDY OF RIGHTS OF PERSONS BELONGING TO
ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS AND LINGUISTIC MINORITIES" AND ITEM 7,
"QUESTION OF VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL
FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND
SEGREGATION AND APARTHEID...", COMPLETED SEPT. 13.

2. SUBCOMMISSION
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION ON SPECIAL
RAPPORTEUR'S PROGRESS REPORT DOCUMENT E/CN.4.SC2/L.582 WHICH
A.) EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO CAPOTORTI FOR REPORT, B) CALLS
UPON GOVERNMENTS TO SUBMIT INFORMATION ON DE JURE AND DE FACTO
SITUATION OF MINORITIES IN THEIR COUNTRIES, C) REQUESTS
SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR PRESENT PROGRESS REPORT AT 27TH SESSION,
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TAKING INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THIS DEBATE AND,

D) REQUESTS SYG PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE.

3. DEBATE GENERALLY UNCONTROVERSIAL AND CENTERED AROUND DEFINITION "MINORITY".

ON SEPT. 11, ALTERNATIVE US EXPERT, JOHN CAREY, NOTED LEAGUE OF NATIONS EXPERIMENT WITH TECHNIQUE CONSIDERING PETITIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS AS MEANS PROTECT MINORITIES LAID FOUNDATION FOR CONSIDERATION PETITIONS BY UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL UNDER ARTICLE 87 UN CHARTER. HE ADDED THIS TECHNIQUE NOW USED BY SUBCOMMISSION WHICH MAY IN FUTURE UTILIZE PETITION PROCESS FOR PURPOSE PROTECTION MINORITIES. SMIRNOV (USSR) COMPLAINED REPORT ON MINORITIES DEVOTES TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO LEAGUE SYSTEM OF CONSIDERING PETITIONS WHICH WAS NOT EFFECTIVE. IN DEPARTURE USUAL APPROACH OF CITING INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS AND STUDIES TO PROVE POINTS, SMIRNOV ASKED RAPPOREUR INCLUDE IN REPORT ACHIEVEMENTS RUSSIAN REVOLUTION AND SOVIET LEGISLATION IN PROTECTING MINORITIES. CLAIMING SOVIET MINORITIES ALREADY ACHIEVED FULL EQUALITY, SMIRNOV NOTED THIS "VERY SENSITIVE AREA" AND COULD LEAD TO INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES BY FORCES TRYING "STIR CHAUVINISTIC, SEPARATIST FORCES". SPECIAL RAPPOREUR, CAPOTORTI, COMMENTED MOST SIGNIFICANT OBSTACLE TO CONTINUATION STUDY IS PAUCITY, REPLIES FROM GOVERNMENTS TO SYG'S NOTE DATED OCTOBER 24, 1972.

4. EXPERTS DID NOT HOLD GENERAL DEBATE ITEM 7 BECAUSE LACK OF DOCUMENTATION, POTENTIAL CONTROVERSIES AND RELATIONSHIP TO ITEM 8 WHICH IS DEBATED IN CLOSED SESSION. SYG INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOVEMENT FOR UN STATED YOUTH NGO'S DISAPPOINTED NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 7 SINCE IT INSCRIBED ON AGENDA IN 1967.

5. MONTGOMERY (ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY) CLAIMED ECONOMIC CHAOS LEADING TO OVERTHROW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT CAUSED BY "FOREIGN POWERS".

6. U.S. EXPERT, AMB. CARTER, QUOTED FROM SYG'S INTRODUCTION TO ANNUAL REPORT OF WORK OF ORGANIZATION DOCUMENT A/9001/ ADD 1 PAGE 9-10 IN WHICH SYG STATES HUMAN RIGHTS ONE OF AREAS UN LEAST EFFECTIVE AND UNDERSCORES IMPORTANCE DEALING EFFECTIVELY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WHEREVER THEY OCCUR.
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CARTER NOTED FOOD BASIC HUMAN RIGHT AND MENTIONED RELIEF EFFORT OF USG AND OTHERS IN SAHELIAN REGION. CITING RIGHTS TO LIFE AND ANTI-TORTURE PROVISIONS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION, CARTER SUGGESTED ALLEGATIONS, MASSACRES AND TORTURE IN SOUTHERN AND OTHER AREAS AFRICA BE INVESTIGATED. HE ASSERTED ATTEMPTS SUPPRESS DISSENT AND PETITIONS ON SUPPRESSION DISSENT SUBMITTED THROUGH UN CHANNELS SHOULD BE INVESTIGATION AS VIOLATIONS RIGHTS FREE SPEECH AND PRIVACY. BASSIN

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